

Amendments to the Drawings:

Amended Figure 3 (Sheet 2/8) is enclosed, marked "replacement sheet".

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the outstanding further (*Ex parte* Quayle) Office Action issued with respect to the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the enclosed Amendment to the drawings and the below remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment Fig. 3 of the drawings is amended to clearly indicate the comparison of the encrypted outcomes performed by the system recited in pending independent claims 1 and 6, and claims 3-5 and 8-12 dependent therefrom. Support for this amendment can be found at page 36, line 2-page 38, line 10 of the present specification.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application.

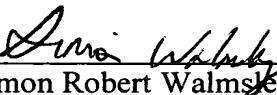
Regarding Quayle Action

It is respectfully submitted that the above-described amendment to Fig. 3 of the drawings clearly shows the features of the claims cited by the Examiner, that is, "comparing the first encrypted outcome and the second encrypted outcome, without knowledge of the first and second secret keys", based on the description of Fig. 3 provided at page 36, line 23-page 38, line 10 of the present specification.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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